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NATIONAL REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,

BENJAMIN HARRISON,

of Indiana.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

LEVI P. MORTON,

of New York.

COUNTY REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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GEN. HARRISON continues to grow,

and the Protection sentiment is fairly booming.

It was a bid for the Irish vote, Mr.

President, but the Irish will not have

the wool pulled over their eyes. They

are Protectionists.

MAJOR MCKINLEY seems to have done

some good missionary work down in

Georgia, judging from the way the animals

are stirred up.

JUDGE THURMAN'S swing around the

circle does not seem to be meeting with

that degree of success fondly hoped for

by the managers. The crowds are disappointing

in point of numbers.

Now that the President is coming

over to the Republican position on public

questions, what about the tariff? Will

he hedge on that, too? And what will

Mr. Mills and Mr. Carlisle say?

If President Cleveland had sent his

fisheries message to Congress two years

ago when the people demanded it, it

would not now be necessary for him to

humiliate himself by hedging.

The President has adopted a campaign

policy of diverting the attention of

voters from the main issue, the tariff, by

magnifying other issues. This is a campaign

of desperation with the Democrats.

The Register has never apologized,

though it has had several days to do it

in, for the deliberate falsehood it printed

in *Puck*, the Free Trade Clevelandorgan, was published in *The Judge*, a

Republican paper. The Register's motto

is "A lie well stuck to is as good as the truth."

"The Register," says that sheet, "in

reporting a political convention, whether

it be of its own party or of the enemy,

gives as accurate a report of it as com-

petent reporters can make." For instance,

the Cent Valley Democratic convention,

at which the Register had no representa-

tive, and of which a prominent Demo-

cratic official, who was a delegate to that

convention, says: "it was the most correct

convention ever seen in this country."

The Register calls itself a "newspaper."

This was down on the public in the light

of a revelation. The Register yesterday

for the first time mentioned Judge Thur-

man's speech of Wednesday, of which

the INTELLIGENCER printed a fair syn-

opsis and a complimentary notice on Thurs-

day. The Register has systematically

suppressed all mention of Harrison's

speeches and printed inadequate and

garbled notices of Blaine's oration when

it printed anything at all. The Register

is notorious for an ostentatious policy of

suppressing news in the belief that nobody

will see it. Members of its own party

all over the State express their disgust

over its course. A "newspaper" it is

a campaign organ in which mendacity

and lack of ability are the striking

features.

The Springfield Republican quotes

from Mr. McKinley his remark in refer-

ence to the Free Trade era when the

and a death-blow would be struck at the

industry in which Judge Fleming has

his fortune invested."

After making the assertions he does,

and publishing statistics to prove that

we export more coal than we import,

which he takes from the *Coal Trade**Journal*, a Protection paper, "Fair Play"

will scarcely say that free coal would be

better for our mining interests.

The President and the Fisheries Treaty.

But few Democratic papers in the

country, and the *Wheeling Register* is

among them, are so assiduous as to

attempt to get up a war scare, for cam-

paign purposes, over the rejection

of the Fisheries Treaty by the Senate.

To read the headlines in yester-

day morning's *Register* one would sup-

pose that war with Canada is inevitable,

and that the wicked and unpatriotic

Republican Senate is responsible for it

all.

Nothing could be more silly. The

schoolboy who wrote the headlines for

the *Register* and worked a gory editorial

into the belly of it, simply outdid him-

self, exhibited a lamentable ignorance

of the history of legislation, and caused

the paper to be made the laughing stock

of thoughtful people of all parties.

A calm view of the whole matter, re-

duces the situation to about this: The

President having been defeated in his

attempt to yield to Canada and Great

Britain the rights of American fish-

ermen through a treaty which gave to the

parties of the first part the biggest end

of the hog; defeated in his attempt

to make an object surrender to British

power, he comes forward with a grand

bluff, and asks now for power to do the

very thing that should have been done

two years ago, and which he already has

the power to do. He asks simply that

certain tariff laws, that have been sus-

pended as regards Canada, be now en-

forced as they are against other coun-

tries. The President really does not

want this done because he is a Free

Trader, but it is a game of bluff, and if

the Senate takes him at his word he will

be a badly disappointed man.

He has read the hand-writing on the

wall. The treaty, he found, was unpopu-

lar among the masses. The cowardly

surrender to England had lost him

thousands of Irish votes, and the

rejection of the treaty by a

patriotic Senate had gained thousands

of Irish votes for the Republican party.

It did more, it gave the President the

opportunity he was praying for—to seek

to redeem himself with the Irish and

bid for the recovery of the lost votes.

Senator Manderson expresses the

situation when he says the message of the

President was wholly unnecessary.

"The Retaliatory act gives him authority

to do everything he should do. His

action in issuing this message is a con-

fession and an avoidance. The Presi-

dent confesses to the justness of the

position occupied by the Republicans in

the Senate in the rejection of the fish-

eries treaty, and he seeks to avoid the

issues which confront him, and he asks

Congress to strengthen his hands. It is

possible that the President is acting in

good faith, but I regard it as a campaign

move. The message is a campaign

speech from beginning to end, and is a

high bid for the Irish vote and the vote

of all foreign-born citizens in New York

and other Eastern States, where the

greatest interest is taken in the fisheries

and other international questions. I do

not believe that Congress will confer

upon the President any additional

authority for the enforcement of the

act. In my judgment the Retaliatory

act of March, 1887, is vastly broader than

the authority asked for now. While it

may not specify the acts named in the

message it goes beyond that and makes

his power unlimited."

Gen. Browne, of Indiana, says: "I

think it is a mistake to consider the

message altogether a bluff. While I re-

gard it as a campaign move pure and

simple, arranged weeks ago by the Cab-

inet, I think the President would be

very glad to get into a muck with Cana-

da. He evidently thinks it would

solidify him with the fighting elements

and make his re-election sure. But he

will find himself in a delusion. In the

first place there is no excuse for trouble.

at the time of the granting of the power

before the late treaty.

Again, does not the Register know that

all the President asked and all the

Republican Senators demanded was that

the United States Government adopt

the very course toward Canada that

Canada, two years ago, adopted toward

the United States—refusing any longer

to permit American shipments across

her territory? It was then that the peo-

ple demanded with one voice, irrespec-

tive of party, that the Administration

do what it now proposes to do. Had

prompt action been taken then (the ac-

tion now proposed) the trouble would

have been settled and Canada brought to

terms.

The President has seen his mistake;

he has contemplated how it has already

cost him thousands of votes in New York,

Connecticut and other States most di-

rectly interested in the fisheries dispute, and

has made haste to hedge. A contempo-

rary suggests that the progress of the

campaign thus far has let a flood of light

into the White House, giving the Presi-

dent a new comprehension of the sub-

ject, and this suggests that perhaps his

letter of acceptance may contain sur-

prising revelations of a new light on the

tariff issue.

Thus is this great, courageous Presi-

dent being forced to back down from

every position and to do some desperate

hedging.

Meanwhile, it is childish to talk about

"trifling with the lives of the people."

Retaliation is one effective way of set-

tling an international difficulty.

PROTECTION AND PROGRESS.

Mr. Blaine's Remarks About Maine Apply

to West Virginia.

Blaine's Speech of August 22.

What has Maine done that the Demo-

cratic party should be allowed to cripple

and to destroy her great material inter-

ests? For all the radical changes in our

complex industrial systems which Presi-

dent Cleveland recommends and which

the Democratic House has countered, is

that the tariff system had produced a

large surplus. The simple truth is that

the surplus was allowed to accumulate

by the maladministration of the Treas-

ury Department—a surplus which was

both the right and the duty of the Se-

cretary, under the law, to apply to the

reduction of the public debt. We are

not allowed to ascribe motives for pub-

lic action, but I cannot refrain from

saying that under any Republican Se-

cretary that has ever had charge of the

Treasury the surplus would have been

employed in the payment of the debt,

and would not have been allowed to

accumulate to the detriment of the

business of the country and to the loss

of millions of the people's money. If

Secretary Fairchild had followed the

line of the law, President Cleveland

would never have found the "condi-

tion" upon which his message of last

December was based. Never in the

history of the world has there been such

progress in the development of agricul-

ture, such vast accumulation of material

wealth, as have been realized in the

United States since the policy of pro-

tection was adopted in 1861. The ben-

efits have reached every section, every

State, every class of workers. Our

National advancement has been the

cause of gratitude at home, of amaze-

ment and admiration abroad. Presi-

dent Cleveland now proposes to inter-

fere with the system of protection which

has wrought such great results. He

proposes to institute dangerous experi-

ments where we enjoy the full record of

fortunate experience; to give us change

where we now have stability; to commit

us to doubt where we now have certain-

ty; not to give us a system that has

brought unprecedented prosperity, and

return to a system which in our past

history has three times ended in a bank-

rupt treasury and created wide distress

both among the wage earners and the

capitalists of the country. I do not be-

lieve that the people of the United States

will approve the President's policy. I

am sure the people of Maine will dis-

approve it with emphatic voice. Friends

of the protective system, remember with

your words and with your ballots the

fidelity and ability with which Charles

A. Bottelle, your representative in Con-

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